UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 10-10-64

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT
CHARGES BY CHIEF JESSE CURRY
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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In connection with our efforts to have Chief Curry retract his claim in a May 28, 1964, letter to Chief Justice Warren that the FBI requested a "cover up" of Oswald's presence in Dallas, I had SAC Shanklin call on Chief Curry October 9th, following approval of the Director that this be done.

Chief Curry told SAC Shanklin, he cannot retract the statement or the letter because the Dallas City Manager Elgin E. Crull forbade him or any member of the Dallas City Police to talk about this case. Crull has promised the Dallas City Council that no one in the city administration will talk to news people.

After learning the above from Shanklin, I told him to take the matter up with Crull. SAC Shanklin did so. Crull told Shanklin it is not possible to authorize Chief Curry to call in reporters and make a statement. The agreement with the city council precludes it.

Both Curry and Crull admitted to Shanklin that he never asked for any "cover up."

Mr. Crull told Shanklin, however, that if Shanklin will write a letter to Curry to the effect he understands Curry made a statement in a letter to Warren alleging Shanklin requested a "cover up" and asking whether Curry did so, Mr. Crull will instruct Curry to answer the letter.

In other words, said Crull, he will instruct Curry to write Shanklin stating that neither the FBI nor Shanklin ever asked him to "cover up" regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Shanklin says he is quite confident that we will be able to practically dictate the letter which Crull will instruct Curry to sign.

1 - Mr. Tolson
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OBSERVATION:

I believe this arrangement in writing will have the desired effect of putting in the record a retraction by Curry which can be used by us as an answer to any charge alleging a "cover up" request to Chief Curry. The matter has, to a considerable extent, died down. We have received no further inquiry concerning this matter here at Headquarters.

ADDENDUM CDD:

This, of course, means that no statement to the press will be given by Curry. Nevertheless, the record will be straightened out and the FBI at any time in the future can indicate to the press that Chief Curry has admitted his wrongdoing. We will then be in a position to send a letter for the record to Lee Rankin telling him that Curry has once again admitted fault.

ACTION:

I told Shanklin to go ahead and prepare a letter under his signature which can be read to us first thing Monday morning. The proposed letter will be sent through for the Director's approval prior to Shanklin delivering it to Curry.